equipment of security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, the steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

IRB jawans surrounded by Bodo militants

†364. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 500 Haryana police personnel inducted into Indian Reserve Battalion found themselves surrounded with Bodo militants in Dimapur forest of Assam in December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of personnel killed or gone missing therein;

(c) the steps taken by Government for safe return of these personnel; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to counter Bodo militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) According to reports received from the Government of Assam, a skirmish took place on 23rd December 2005 between civilians and the jawans belonging to the Indian Reserve Police Battalion of Haryana traveling by Brahamputra Mail at Salakati Railway Station, Kokrajhar district in Assam following an allegation by some students that two girls students were molested in the compartment by the Haryana Police personnel. Later the Haryana Police personnel resorted to firing which resulted in death of four persons-two on the spot and one Haryana Police Personnel and another injured person succumbed to their injuries later in the hospital .

(c) Following steps have been taken by Government of Assam:

Institution of a judicial enquiry by a sitting High Court Judge.

Payment of compensation to the next of kin of the persons killed in the incident.

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Railways have been requested to strengthen the security measures for women passengers traveling on trains.

(d) The Government policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, modernize and strengthen the police/security forces and to tackle the activities of the militants with the held of forces to protect properties, limbs, and lives of innocent people. An agreement for Suspension of Operations (SOO) for one year w.e.f. 1st June 2005 has been signed between the Government of India, Government of Assam and the Bodo militant outfit, National Democratic Front of Bodoland.

Discussions with Naga insurgents

†365. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to some conditions in the discussions held with Naga insurgents in Bangkok recently; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to accept the demand of Greater Nagaland of Naga insurgents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Discussions with the leaders of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) in Bangkok centered around the question of extension of ceasefire, which was expiring on 31st January 2006. The ceasefire has been extended by another six months.

(b) The government's consistent view has been that any re-drawing of the boundaries of the States in the North East can only be done if there is a political consensus on the issue.

Violation of labour laws

†366. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some organizations and factories are violating labour laws as a result of which labourers are being exploited;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the last two years; and

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